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Lawrence M. Hipple

Sir:

In response to the Initial Office Action mailed June 19, 2002, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 19, 2002, enclosed is a petition for a one month extension and please amend the application as follows:

A substitute specification including amendments to claims 1-4 is submitted along with a marked up copy showing all amendments made. No new matter is introduced.